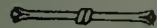




WALSINGHAM
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1966

to which is appended the

Report of the

ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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1966

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WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1966

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Public Health of the Walsingham Rural District for 1966. The report includes the Report of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

Dr. Carson transferred from the district on March 6th, 1966, and I was appointed Medical Officer of Health with effect from July 1st, 1966. Mr. Eagle, the Surveyor & Public Health Inspector accepted a posting with another local authority and relinquished his post with Walsingham R.D.C. with effect from the 30th September, 1966. Mr. G.H. Smith succeeded Mr. Eagle with effect from the 1st November, 1966.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 19,190. A decrease of 490 from the estimated population of 19,680 for 1965. Live births numbered 310: Deaths totalled 185: producing a natural increase of births over deaths of 125. The corrected death rate was 9.9, which can be compared with a corrected death rate of 9.91 for the administrative county of Norfolk, and 11.7 for England and Wales. The 1965 corrected death rate for Walsingham R.D.C. was 9.28. There were 5 deaths in infants under one year of age, producing an infant mortality rate of 16.1. For comparison the Norfolk county infant mortality rate was 15.71, and for England and Wales it was 19.0.

The percentage of illegitimate live births to total live births was 4.2, the same percentage as in 1965.

One hundred and twenty cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year. Measles (93) and Whooping Cough (14) accounting for 107 of the 120. There was one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis.

I should like to express my thanks to the Committee for their support and to the Staffs of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office for their help in the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,



LESLIE G. POOLE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

S E C T I O N I

GENERAL STATISTICS

- (a) Area :- no change -- 39 parishes; 88,818 acres.
- (b) Population :- the estimated Mid-Year Home Population for the District for 1966 was 19,190. This was 490 less than in 1965.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Estimated Mid-Year Population	23850	23680	23890	23640	22830	22390	20410	19550	19680	19190

The total number of deaths was 185; the number of live births 310, showing a natural increase of births over deaths of 125.

- (c) The Rateable Value of the District was £455,044.
- (d) The Product of Penny Rate was £1,815.
- (e) Meteorological Factors:- the data, acquired by courtesy of the R.A.F. West Raynham, is shown in the table below, the figures in brackets being the corresponding data for 1965.

Month	Mean daily maximum Temp (°F)	Mean daily minimum Temp (°F)	Mean daily temperature (°F)	Total rain-fall inches	Mean relative humidity
Jan.	39.0 (40.8)	33.1 (33.1)	36.1 (36.9)	1.45 (2.93)	89.25 (88.75)
Feb.	44.8 (40.5)	37.0 (34.0)	40.9 (37.3)	3.29 (1.12)	90.50 (86.25)
Mar.	48.6 (46.9)	36.0 (33.4)	42.3 (40.1)	1.17 (2.47)	83.75 (84.75)
Apr.	50.4 (52.7)	38.7 (38.7)	44.5 (45.7)	2.22 (2.51)	86.75 (85.0)
May	59.5 (59.7)	43.5 (45.3)	51.5 (52.5)	1.74 (1.38)	81.25 (81.0)
June	68.4 (64.4)	50.4 (48.4)	59.4 (56.4)	3.00 (2.37)	83.25 (83.0)
July	64.8 (62.8)	50.9 (50.0)	57.9 (56.4)	3.89 (4.09)	84.75 (84.75)
Aug.	66.4 (66.4)	50.7 (50.4)	58.5 (58.4)	4.48 (2.96)	83.75 (83.0)
Sept.	64.4 (61.5)	49.5 (47.5)	56.9 (54.5)	.73 (4.26)	82.50 (87.50)
Oct.	56.5 (58.3)	45.9 (44.2)	51.2 (51.3)	3.49 (.81)	91.0 (88.0)
Nov.	45.5 (44.2)	37.6 (35.2)	41.5 (39.7)	5.35 (3.42)	90.0 (87.75)
Dec.	43.3 (42.4)	35.2 (34.0)	39.3 (38.2)	3.48 (6.05)	91.50 (92.50)

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still births in the District for 1966 were 310 and 4 respectively.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births
(the figures in brackets are corresponding numbers for 1965)

Live Births	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	145 (167)	152 (128)	297 (295)
Illegitimate	10 (8)	3 (5)	13 (13)
Totals	155 (175)	155 (133)	310 (308)

Table showing stillbirths for 1966

Stillbirths	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	2 (1)	2 (3)	4 (4)
Illegitimate	-- (--)	- (1)	- (1)
Totals	2 (1)	2 (4)	4 (5)

Live Birth Rate

The crude rate was 16.2 per 1,000 population compared with a rate of 15.6 in 1965. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.01) was 16.4 per 1,000 of the population compared with a rate of 17.7 for England and Wales, and 16.19 for the Administrative County of Norfolk.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate births was 13 compared with 13 in 1965, 21 in 1964, and 16 in 1963. The percentage of illegitimate births to the total live births was 4.2% compared with 4.2% in 1965, 6.4% in 1964, and 4.7% in 1963.

Stillbirths

There were 4 stillbirths (legitimate) in 1966, giving a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 12.7 compared with 15.9 in 1965. The rate for England and Wales was 15.4 for 1966, and 15.62 for the Administrative County.

Infant Deaths

Five infants under one year of age died in 1966, as compared with two in 1965. All died during the first week of life.

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths per 1,000 live births, and for 1966 was 16.1. Comparison of figures for the past ten years shows the following:--

1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
29.4	27.1	13.5	27.9	16.6	17.5	14.7	6.1	6.5	16.1

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales in 1966 was 19.0, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk, 15.71.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, and for 1966 was 16.8. In 1965 this rate was 3.4.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, and for 1966 was zero.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. Of the five deaths of infants under one year, all were in infants under four weeks. The rate for 1966 was 16.1 compared with 6.5 in 1965, 6.1 in 1964 and 11.7 in 1963.

The Early Neonatal Mortality Rate was also 16.1, as all infants died during the first week of life.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1966 was 28.7, compared with 22.4 in 1965, 12.1 in 1964, and 20.2 in 1963.

Maternal Mortality Rate

No deaths occurred in 1966, therefore the maternal mortality rate is zero.

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths and they are classified under the thirty-six headings based on the abbreviated list of International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1955. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to these causes in the District.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	Age in Years							
				5--	15--	25--	35--	45--	55--	65--	75 & over
3. Syphilitic Disease	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1
	F	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	9	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	3	3
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	F	2	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	9	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	3	5
	F	17	--	--	--	--	1	2	5	5	4
16. Diabetes	M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	6
	F	15	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	5	8
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	26	--	--	--	--	--	1	6	9	10
	F	10	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	5	3
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
20. Other Heart Disease	M	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	1	9
	F	13	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	2	9
21. Other Circulatory Disease	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
	F	2	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--
22. Influenza	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
23. Pneumonia	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
	F	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	2
24. Bronchitis	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	F	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
31. Congenital Malforma- tions	M	2	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
	F	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	11	1	--	--	--	--	2	1	2	5
	F	10	2	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	5
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
	F	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
34. All Other Accidents	M	3	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
	F	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Total All Causes	M	102	2	1	1	2	1	5	16	28	46
	F	83	3	--	1	1	2	4	12	21	39

The total number of deaths was 185.

Heart disease, with 64 deaths, headed the list of causes of death and caused 34.6% of all deaths. There were 36 cases of fatal coronary disease, these accounting for 19.5% of all causes. Vascular lesions of the nervous system, with 25 deaths, gave a percentage figure of 13.5.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (which includes vascular lesions of the nervous system) are totalled, a figure of 94 deaths is attained - thus causing 50.8% of all deaths in the District.

Cancer caused 43 deaths giving a figure of 23.2%. Cancer of the lung and bronchus caused 10 deaths - in other words - cancer of the lung and bronchus caused 23.3% of deaths from all types of cancer.

Accidents, which could be preventable, caused 2.7% of all deaths.

Five deaths occurred in infants under one year, and were due to:-

Female	5 hrs.	Pulmonary distress syndrome.
Female	1 week	Congenital heart disease.
Male	2 days	Congenital heart disease.
Male	2 days	Respiratory distress syndrome. Prematurity.
Female	12 hrs.	Respiratory distress syndrome. Prematurity.

Death rate (crude) per 1000 of estimated population	-	9.6
Death rate (corrected, using comparability factor of 1.03) per 1000 of estimated population	-	9.9
Corrected death rate per 1000 of estimated population for Administrative County of Norfolk (1966)	-	9.91
Death Rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population (1966)	-	11.7

The comparability factors enable comparisons to be made between the rate for the District, and those of other districts, and with the country as a whole.

SECTION II

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified was 120, which was 108 less than last year.

Table showing types and numbers of infectious diseases notified in 1966

Disease	No.
Measles	93
Whooping Cough	14
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Dysentery	6
Food Poisoning	1
Scarlet Fever	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

The distribution of these diseases is shown by parishes in the following table :-

Parish	Total	M.	Wh.C.	P.T.B.	N.P.T.B.	Dys.	Food P.	S.F.	P.P.
Barsham	3	2	1						
Binham	1	1							
Blakeney	1		1						
Briningham	1	1							
Briston	23	16	2	1		4			
Fakenham	8	2	4		1	1			
Field Dalling	4	4							
Fulmodestone -	2	2							
- Barney	2	2							
Gunthorpe	2	2							
Helhoughton	1	1							
Hindolveston	3		1					2	
Langham	9	9							
Melton Constable	27	20	5				1		1
Morston	9	9							
Raynham -	1	1							
- R.A.F.	3	3							
Ryburgh Gt.	1	1							
Sculthorpe	2	2							
Stibbard	6	6							
Stiffkey	1	1							
Swanton Novers	1	1							
(Tattersett)-Tatterford	3	3							
Walsingham	3	2				1			
Wighton	1				1				
Wood Norton	2	2							
Totals	120	93	14	1	2	6	1	2	1

Measles

Measles, with 93 cases, formed the bulk of infectious diseases notified.

The following table shows the distribution of measles by age groups:-

	Under 1 Yr.	1 +	2 +	3 +	4 +	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 +	Total
Males	1	4	3	2	6	22	7	4	-	49
Females	2	5	3	8	2	17	6	1	-	44
Total	3	9	6	10	8	39	13	5	-	93

This table shows that measles is mainly a disease of childhood.

Tuberculosis

One new case of pulmonary and two new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis occurred in 1966. If reference is made to the table on Page 7 showing the causes of death, it will be seen that none was caused by tuberculosis, showing that this once dreaded disease is being controlled.

Tuberculosis in the Walsingham District in 1966

(The figures in brackets show the corresponding numbers for 1965)

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New cases	- (1)	1 (-)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (3)
Inward transfers	- (1)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (1)
No. on Register at 31/12/66	23 (24)	18 (16)	3 (2)	4 (4)	48 (46)
	41 (40)		7 (6)		

B.C.G. Vaccination

Vaccination against tuberculosis with the B.C.G. vaccine is offered by the County Council to all school children about the age of thirteen. Of the 268 school children offered vaccination, 239 accepted, giving an overall acceptance rate for the District of 89%. In 1965 the acceptance rate was 82%, in 1964 79.6%, in 1963 76.5%, in 1962 59.8% and in 1961 58.3%.

The following table gives more information by schools of B.C.G. vaccination in the District in 1966 :-

School	Number due	Number accepted	Tested	Read	Posi- tive	Neg. & vacci- nated	Tuber- culin Index
Melton Con- stable Sec. Modern.	63 (53)	56 (44)	56 (43)	52 (42)	3 (1)	49 (40)	5.8 (2.4)
Fakenham Sec. Mod.	149 (98)	133 (73)	131 (72)	127 (72)	16 (3)	110 (69)	12.6 (4.2)
Fakenham Grammar	56 (72)	50 (66)	50 (66)	49 (66)	3 (4)	46 (62)	6.1 (6.1)
Total	268 (223)	239 (183)	237 (181)	228 (180)	22 (8)	205 (171)	9.6 (4.4)

(The figures in brackets show the corresponding numbers for 1965)

The tuberculin index, which gives an indication of the degree of infectivity in the District was 9.6%. It does not necessarily indicate tuberculous disease, as the resistance of the great majority is sufficient to overcome the invading bacteria; however, it does indicate the degree of opportunity for invasion and is thus a useful index of infectious cases in a community.

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in the District in 1966. Immunisation is offered by the County Council.

The following table shows the number of persons immunised against poliomyelitis during 1966 in Area 8, (which comprises Walsingham and Docking Rural Districts and Hunstanton and Wells Urban Districts), and in Walsingham R.D.

Age Groups	Area 8	Walsingham R.D.
Children born in 1966	149	79
Children born in 1965	373	163
Children born in 1964	36	21
Children born in 1963	10	4
Children born 1959-62	60	22
Others under age 16.	3	-
Re-inforcing doses (all ages)	456	209
Total	1087	498

Smallpox

There were no cases of smallpox in the District in 1966, nor were there any in the County.

The following table shows the number of vaccinations, by age groups, carried out in Area 8 and Walsingham Rural District in 1966.

Age at date of Vaccination	Area 8		Walsingham R.D.	
	Primary	Re-Vacc.	Primary	Re-Vacc.
0 - 3 months	2	-	1	-
3 - 6 "	6	-	4	-
6 - 9 "	6	-	2	-
9 - 12 "	23	-	9	-
1 year	238	-	112	-
2 - 4 years	53	11	19	11
5 - 14 "	13	40	2	19
Total	341	51	149	30

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

Fourteen cases of whooping cough occurred in 1966. There were no cases of diphtheria or tetanus.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against Diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus in Area 8 (Area 8 comprises Walsingham and Docking Rural Districts and Hunstanton and Wells Urban Districts) and in Walsingham R.D. in 1966.

		Area 8	Walsingham R.D.
Triple	Initial	509	239
	Booster	303	110
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial	55	19
	Booster	724	243
Diphtheria	Initial	1	-
	Booster	47	15
Tetanus	Initial	40	25
	Booster	169	82

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RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

1966

Public Health Acts

Initial Inspections	106
Re-Visits	71
Smoke Observations	Nil

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 101Housing Acts

House Inspections	49
Re-Visits in connection with above	39
Visits in connection with application for grants under Housing Act 1949.	224
Visits re Slum Clearance	39

Food and Drugs Act

Premises Inspected	58
Visits re manufacture and sale of Ice cream	16
Visits re Dairies and inspection of milk retailers vehicles	2
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection Visits	414
Visits re Shellfish	Nil
Diseases of Animals Act, Waste Foods Order	2

Sewerage

Inspection of sewerage systems, disposal works and sewer ditches & Public Conveniences	226
Contract (Sewerage) Visits	89
Closet Conversion Visits (Section 47, Public Health Act, 1936)	10

District Scavenging

Visiting workmen on rounds, investigating complaints etc.	162
Refuse Tips	81

Factories Act

Inspection of Factories with power	2
Inspection of Factories without power	1

Building Byelaw Inspections

Inspections during course of construction	783
Building Regs.	453
Town & Country Planning Acts & Regulations	32

Infectious Diseases

Cases investigated	45
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Rooms Disinfested

1

Petroleum Acts

Installations inspected and tested	43
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Small Dwellings Acquisition Act

Valuations and visits for purposes of loan	17
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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act

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Knackers Yard

Inspections	3
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Street Naming and Numbering Visits

1

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act

10

Animal Boarding Establishments ...

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RECORD OF INSPECTIONS - CONT'D

	<u>1966</u>
<u>Car Parks</u>	30
<u>Water Supply</u>	
Existing Mains	8
New Contracts	29
<u>Other Inspections</u>	
Not classified under headings above but made in connection therewith.	<u>115</u>
Total visits made	<u>3,273</u>

<u>NOTICES SERVED</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
<u>Informal Notices</u>		
Public Health & Housing Acts	63	91
Food & Drugs Act	20	21
Factories Act	2	1
Building Byelaws	66	78
Building Regulations	44	
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	5	3
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.	10	17
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	7	28
Clean Air Act	<u>1</u>	
Total Notices Served	<u>218</u>	<u>239</u>

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
<u>Formal Notices</u>		
<u>Public Health Acts</u>		
Permission to serve	12	22
Served	8	14
Section 42 (Drainage reconnection) served	-	7
Section 47 (closet conversion) served	-	44
<u>Housing Acts</u>		
Permission to serve	29	3
Served	<u>27</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Notices served	<u>35</u>	<u>66</u>

HOUSING

(a) Slum Clearance

The following table sets out work done under this heading :-

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Houses <u>demolished</u> as a result of formal or informal procedure.	4	12
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of <u>informal</u> action by the Council.	-	1
Number of houses <u>made fit</u> by owners as a result of formal action.	4	9
Number of houses made fit after service of <u>formal notices</u> by the Council in default of owners.	-	-
<u>Undertakings</u> given by owners not to relet.	-	1
<u>Undertakings</u> given by owners that houses will cease to be used for human habitation.	-	6
Number of <u>demolition orders</u> made during the year.	4	-
Number of <u>closing orders</u> made during the year.	2	2
Estimated number of unfit houses still to be dealt with following review.	-	4

(b) New Dwellings

The following figures include conversions of non-domestic buildings to habitations:-

By private persons - 56 completed and 52 under construction at the end of the year.

By Local Authority - Nil completed and 17 under construction at the end of the year.

(c) Improvement Grants - Discretionary

Since improvement grants were introduced in 1949, the Council has authorised the following:-

(Figures shown in brackets relate to the totals up to December 1965)

Total Amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by		Grant essential to preserve house and provide amenities	Grant to improve amenities only
	Owner	Tenant		
<u>Up to December 1965</u> £122,968.13. 0. (£113,202.13. 0.)	141 (132)	245 (230)	97 (84)	274 (262)
<u>January to December 1966</u> £14,244. 0. 0. (£9,762. 0. 0.)	7 (9)	36 (16)	9 (13)	34 (12)

(d) Improvement Grants - Standard

The following are the statistics of Standard Grants approved since 1959 when they were introduced.

Total amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by :-	
	Owner	Tenant
<u>From July 1959 to December 1965</u> £72,622.10. 0.	217 (177)	168 (131)
<u>January to December 1966</u> £18,065. 0. 0. (£19,887. 0. 0.)	35 (40)	37 (37)
<u>Reduced standard as from August 1964</u> (-)	- (-)	- (-)

(Figures in brackets relate to preceding year)

PLANS BROUGHT BEFORE THE PLANS COMMITTEE

No. of plans considered by Committee 1966 - 675
(No. of plans considered in 1965 - 666)

<u>New dwellings</u>	<u>Alterations to Dwellings</u>	<u>Factories</u>	<u>Domestic Garages</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
188	141	6	59	155
<u>Outline applications</u>				
121	-	-	-	5

On 1st February, 1966, the Building Regulations came into force replacing the Council's byelaws.

The Regulations contain many changes in methods and many former practices have had to be completely changed. During the year the local Building Industry and Architects have accepted the changes and a good working relationship between them and the Council's staff has been maintained.

DISTRICT SCAVENGING

During the year one new refuse collection vehicle and one cess-pool emptier were purchased.

Wighton tip was sealed and returned to the owner.

It is anticipated that Fakenham tip will soon be filled and the railway cutting at Thursford brought into use.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The most important item during the year was the fact that work commenced in July on the new sewerage scheme for Briston & Melton Constable.

Instructions were given to the County P.H. Engineer to prepare a scheme for Great & Little Shoring and Kettlestone, and authority for trial bores to be sunk was given.

Consultations with Norfolk Canneries and the plans for the extension of Fakenham Sewage Works reached an advanced stage and it is hoped that the sewerage of Sculthorpe will proceed under the same contract.

Preparation of the sewerage scheme for Hindringham continues and it is hoped that a report will be to hand early in 1967.

The existing schemes gave little trouble apart from one serious rising main blockage between Horston & Blakeney. Complaints of smell continue to be received on occasions from The Heath at Fakenham and from Erpingham R.D.C. regarding Cley sewage works and it is only by continued experiments that a solution to this will eventually be found.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The new Bridge Street conveniences were opened on the 28th February, 1966, and the old Oak Street conveniences closed at the same time. Following representation later from the Parish Council the Oak Street premises were re-opened and continued in use.

Damage from vandalism continued at Blakeney, Walsingham and Fakenham, and the police were informed on each occasion. It is hoped that a prosecution will soon be brought to try and reduce this damage.

Negotiations commenced towards the end of the year with the Parish Council for the selection of a site for the new conveniences at Horston.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS - CARAVANS

Further legal proceedings were taken during the year in connection with a large caravan site at Blakeney, with the following result:-

"The Council had been successful in obtaining a conviction on all twelve counts, for failure to comply with the terms of the Caravan Site Licence and fines totalling £600 were imposed. Costs amounting to thirty-five guineas were awarded to the Council. An appeal by Mrs. V.S. Williams was heard at the Norfolk General Quarter Sessions on 27th September, when the appeal was allowed in respect of two of the charges to the extent that the fines of £50 had been varied to £25. The appeals in respect of the remaining ten charges were dismissed and Orders for the payment of advocates fees relating to all twelve charges were confirmed. It was also ordered that the Council's costs in attending the appeal on ten of the charges should be met by the appellant."

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

Four thousand seven hundred and forty-nine inspections of properties were made, and seven hundred and thirty-eight treatments given to dwelling houses found to be rat infested.

One hundred and nineteen treatments of farm land and premises were carried out.

FOOD

(a) Food preparing Premises

Type of Premises	Number of Premises	Complying with Regulation 16 (Washing facilities)	No. to which Regulation 19 applies (Provision of sink)	Complying with Regulation 19
Bakehouses	9	9	9	9
Butchers Shops	15	15	15	15
Catering Establishments	16	16	16	16
Fish Shops	6	6	6	6
Market Stalls	12	-	-	-
Provision Stores	74	74	74	74

Market foodstalls continued to be satisfactory. The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 come into operation on 1st January, 1967. By these Regulations the provision of hot water, washing facilities, etc., will be required.

Five additional premises were registered for the sale of ice-cream.

Ten samples of ice-cream and one iced lollie sample were taken, all being classified as satisfactory.

(b) Milk

There has been an increase of 3 registered distributors of milk in the District during the year.

Seventy-nine samples were taken by the County Council's officers. All but 3 satisfied the phosphatase test for efficiency of heat treatment, and 10 failed the methylene blue or cleanliness test.

(c) Meat Inspection

100% inspection of meat has again been achieved this year with the co-operation of the butchers, and week-end slaughtering and inspection has been avoided.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned for the year 1966

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number Inspected	457 (444)	Nil (2)	708 (734)	956 (978)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (2)
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned.	49 (34)	- (-)	6 (1)	72 (40)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	10.7%	-	0.84%	7.8%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole Carcases condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	56 (36)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	5.7%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	6 (11)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion.	6 (11)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally condemned.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

(Figures in brackets are for 1965).

(d) Slaughterhouses

The four slaughterhouses in operation have continued to maintain a high standard.

The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966 came into force on the 30th September, 1966. These enable Local Authorities to restrict the hours of slaughter although this was not considered necessary due to the co-operation existing between butchers and the Council.

FACTORIESFactories Act 1961Annual Report for 1966 under Section 153(1) of the
Factories Act 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	6	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	90	2	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	4	8	-	-
Total	100	11	1	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-

3. Part VIII of the Act. Outworkers - One.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3 (9)	38 (35)	- (20)
Retail shops	3 (24)	100 (97)	2 (54)
Wholesale shops & warehouses	- (-)	2 (2)	- (1)
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens.	- (1)	13 (13)	- (3)
Fuel Storage Depots.	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)

(Figures in Brackets relate to 1965)

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises: 10 (184)

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	248 (230)
Retail Shops	406 (399)
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	13 (13)
Catering establishments open to the public.	62 (56)
Canteens	- (-)
Fuel Storage Depots	4 (4)
Total	733 (702)

Total males	296 (285)
Total females	437 (417)

TABLE D EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemption under the Act were made during the year.

TABLE E PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were made during the year.

WATER SUPPLIESPumping statistics for Walsingham Rural District for 1966

Month	<u>Houghton Pumping Station to Gunthorpe Reservoir</u>		<u>Average Daily Consumption</u>	
	<u>Total gallons 1965</u>	<u>Total gallons 1966</u>	<u>Gallons 1965</u>	<u>Gallons 1966</u>
January	10,954,400	11,602,000	353,354	374,258
February	10,244,000	10,324,000	365,857	368,714
March	11,796,000	12,294,000	380,516	396,580
April	11,852,000	12,086,000	395,066	402,866
May	12,340,000	13,627,000	398,064	439,580
June	12,022,000	13,969,000	400,733	465,633
July	12,552,000	13,284,000	404,903	428,516
August	13,272,000	13,104,000	428,129	422,709
September	11,710,000	12,162,000	390,333	405,400
October	12,252,000	12,158,000	395,225	392,193
November	11,776,000	11,336,000	392,533	377,866
December	11,750,000	12,003,000	379,032	387,193
Total	142,520,000	147,949,000		

Gunthorpe Reservoir to Fakenham Tower

January	5,075,000	5,057,000	(1)	163,709	163,129
February	4,422,000	4,627,000	(2)	157,928	165,250
March	5,112,000	5,361,000	(3)	164,903	172,935
April	4,937,000	5,107,000	(4)	164,566	170,233
May	5,270,000	5,641,000	(5)	170,000	181,967
June	5,041,000	5,983,000	(6)	168,033	199,433
July	5,310,000	5,688,000	(7)	171,290	183,483
August	5,234,000	5,352,000	(8)	168,838	172,645
September	5,212,000	5,320,000	(9)	173,733	177,333
October	5,328,000	5,260,000	(10)	171,870	169,677
November	4,945,000	5,178,000	(11)	164,833	172,600
December	4,987,000	5,272,000	(12)	160,870	170,064
Total	60,873,000	63,846,000			

Gallons pumped from Fakenham Well included in above totals

(1)	1,721,000
(2)	1,724,000
(3)	1,923,000
(4)	1,812,000
(5)	2,216,000
(6)	2,266,000
(7)	2,266,000
(8)	1,978,000
(9)	2,089,000
(10)	1,946,000
(11)	1,956,000
(12)	1,938,000

During 1966 Total of 23,835,000 gallons were pumped from Fakenham Well.

North Creaks Bore

	<u>Total gallons</u>	<u>Daily average</u>		<u>Total gallons</u>	<u>Daily average</u>
January	1,018,000	32,838	July	1,239,000	39,967
February	1,031,000	36,821	August	1,352,000	43,612
March	668,000	21,548	September	1,278,000	42,600
April	393,000	13,100	October	994,000	32,064
May	- -	- -	November	671,000	22,366
June	981,000	30,700	December	569,000	18,354

Total of 10,194,000 gallons pumped from North Creaks bore during 1966.

The following figures show the number of houses by Parishes where Council mains water is piped into the house:-

Number of Houses with Mains Water Supply in
Walsingham Rural District

Bale	..	..	..	45
Barney	..	..	..	71
Barsham E.N.W.	..	..	..	64
Binham	..	..	..	114
Blakeney	..	..	..	388
Briningham	..	..	..	43
Brinton	..	..	..	30
Briston	..	..	..	371
Cockthorpe	..	..	..	16
Dunton	..	..	..	-
Fakenham	..	..	..	1,472
Field Dalling	..	..	..	61
Fulmodestone	..	..	..	52
Gunthorpe	..	..	..	54
Helhoughton	..	..	..	69
Hempton	..	..	..	178
Hindolveston	..	..	..	97
Hindringham	..	..	..	147
Holkham	..	..	..	94
Houghton	..	..	..	27
Kettlestone	..	..	..	36
Langham	..	..	..	86
Melton Constable	..	..	..	311
Morston	..	..	..	44
Pudding Norton	..	..	..	42
Raynham E.S.W.	..	..	..	117
Ryburgh Gt. & Lt.	..	..	..	153
Saxlingham	..	..	..	17
Sculthorpe	..	..	..	183
Sharrington	..	..	..	39
Shereford	..	..	..	-
Snoring Gt.	..	..	..	96
Snoring Lt.	..	..	..	118
Stibbard	..	..	..	96
Stiffkey	..	..	..	120
Swanton Novers	..	..	..	65
Tatterford, Tattersett	..	..	..	43
Toftrees	..	..	..	6
Thurning	..	..	..	5
Thursford	..	..	..	52
Walsingham Lt. & Gt.	..	..	..	369
Warham	..	..	..	80
Wighton	..	..	..	108
Wiveton	..	..	..	64
Wood Norton	..	..	..	51
Total				<u>5,694</u>

Twelve houses are supplied by standpipes.

The estimated total population supplied was approximately 21,000 and the number of houses 6,309 (including 35 caravans).

Connections to the main were made, 103 being domestic supplies, 10 metered and 8 other premises.

Extensions to the mains by direct labour were:-

860 yds. of 4" main completed at Gt. Ryburgh (Testerton)

90 yds. of 4" C.I. main laid at Heath Lane, Fakenham.

115 yds. of 4" C.I. main laid at building site off Field Lane,
Fakenham.

137 yds. of 3" C.I. main laid to serve building site Moor Lane,
Stibbard.

Little progress was made during the year towards the regionalisation scheme, but it is anticipated that the transfer of powers will take place during the next year or two.

TABLE SHOWING RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Sources of Samples and dates taken	Houghton St. Giles Public supply	Little Snoring Public Supply	North Croake Public Supply	Wakenham Public Supply. Tap at Baron's Hall.
	4th January, 1967	10th January, 1967.	4th January, 1967.	4th January, 1967.
Appearance	Clear	Slightly opalescent	Clear with brown deposit	Clear
Nature of deposit	Nil	Iron Compounds	Iron Compounds	Nil
Colour	Nil	Faintly yellow	Nil	Nil
Reaction	Neutral 7.2	Neutral 7.3	Neutral 7.0	Neutral 6.8
Taste	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	neg. trace	0.03	0.01	neg. trace
Albuminoid n. nitrogen	0.01	neg. trace	0.01	neg. trace
Nitrate Nitrogen	7.5	nil	0.5	8.0
Nitrite Nitrogen	nil	nil	nil	nil
Chloride as Cl	28	24	24	58
Potassium Permanganate Value (4 hr)	0.10	0.17	0.14	0.18
Total hardness	330	285	280	425
Temporary hardness	245	260	265	275
Metals in solution	nil	nil	nil	nil
Fluoride as F	0.05	nil	0.05	nil
Opinion	Suitable for drinking and general purposes.	Provided iron is removed by suitable treatment - Fit.	High iron content, but fit.	Fit.

